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Southern Baptist Convention and Auxiliary Meetings

MARTIN BALL.

By two o'clock Wednesday afternoon the Shriners' Temple was crowded to its utmost capacity. The first floor was given to the messengers and the galleries were crowded with visitors.

The President, Josua Levering, of Baltimore, Maryland, wrapped the Convention to order promptly at three, and announced that there had been a slight change in the order of business as reported by the committee appointed a year ago. There will be more time given to devotional exercises. Dr. George W. Truett, of Dallas, Texas, was requested to conduct the devotional exercises. He read the 100th Psalm. His tender, mellow, but strong voice was heard throughout the entire building as he read the Scriptures. A mighty volume of praise went up from the mighty congregation as "How Firm a Foundation" was sung. He offered an earnest, fervent prayer for God's blessing upon the entire work of the Convention. "Amazing Grace" was sung.

The list of messengers enrolled by the secretaries up to this time was accepted as the accredited roll. About twelve hundred have enrolled. Dr. W. L. Pickard, of Ga., nominated the present President, Josua Levering, of Maryland, to succeed himself. Dr. E. C. Dargan, of Ga., was nominated. The ballot resulted in the choice of Dr. Dargan as President. He was conducted to the chair and spoke feelingly for a few minutes concerning his election.

Jno. D. Mell, Ga.; Hugh S. D. Mallory, Ala.; C. A. Carson, Fla.; and W. M. Whittington, of Miss., were chosen Vice-Presidents.

W. M. Whittington was nominated by his pastor, Dr. C. V. Edwards, with a few well chosen words. All Mississippians were glad that the Convention was willing to give us a prominent place.

Drs. Lansing Burrows, of Georgia, and O. F. Gregory of Virginia, were chosen Secretaries for the twenty-seventh year.

Geo. W. Norton, Ky., and W. P. Harvey, were chosen respectively Treasurer and Auditor. Brother C. A. Carson, President of the Florida Convention, and United States Senator from Florida, delivered an address of welcome. He spoke of the disastrous fire of ten years ago.

A resolution was offered by Dr. A. J. Barton, of Texas, condemning all applause of any kind.

Dr. H. A. Sumrall, La., was requested to respond to the address of welcome which he did in a few well chosen words.

A committee was appointed to nominate trustees of the Seminary.

Dr. J. M. Frost, Secretary of the Sunday School Board, presented the 20th annual report of the Board to the Convention. The following is an extract from the report:

The Finances for the Year.

The receipts and disbursements are set out in full in the Treasurer's Report attached hereto, and also an exhibit of the Board's business condition at the close of the fiscal year, April 29th—the month closing on Sunday. The receipts exceed the receipts of the preceding year by \$43,610.23, giving the handsome showing in a total of \$278,446.69. This increase has come by normal growth of business with nothing out of the usual order, and as laying foundation for future increase.

Cash Appropriations for the Year.

Year by year, as the Board has come into larger business, it is the more able to increase its ability to serve the denomination in a financial way. The cash gifts for the closing year, showing the lines on which these gifts have been made, and also the several amounts with the aggregate sum are as follows:

The Home Mission Board	\$2500 00
The Foreign Mission Board	2500 00
State Boards for S S Work	6250 00
The Building Fund	8500 00
The Sunday School Lectureship	250 00
Chair of Sunday School Pedagogy	1250 00
The Board's Field Work	27270 39
The W M U Expense Fund	400 00
Special for Seminary Endowment	10000 00
Other Denominational Work	1901 38

Total Cash gifts for the year .. \$60,821 77

In addition to these cash donations, which may be counted as dividends, which the business is paying to the denomination, other donations have made amounting to something like \$8,821.49 in gifts of periodicals to mission schools and of colportage supplies of Bibles tracts and books. These have for the most part, been contributed through the several state boards and through the Home and Foreign Boards, and are very effective for the furtherance of denominational interest.

Investments from Business Earnings.

Purchase and Furniture of Business	
House	62265 32
Permanent Bible Fund	1200 00
Seminary Guarantee Fund	1500 00
Building Fund	68500 00

Reserve Fund	50000 00
Other assets (of current business)	70679 09

Total \$278,446 41

This handsome showing of returns, so full of power and fruitage, in denominational life, is the product of the publishing business of the Southern Baptist Convention through a period of twenty years. This part of the Convention work was started in 1891 as an enterprise of the denomination and under adverse circumstances. It was the specific effort of the Baptists of the South to care for their own publication interest and to foster their own Sunday School cause. It has exceeded greatly all expectation and has come to immense proportions.

Besides the figures shown above as the result or product of the enterprise, the business itself as a business has become so large and valuable as to be easily worth five hundred thousand dollars if measured by its income-making power. Such are its returns to the denomination in what may be called dividends in money, but which have an immense value not to be measured by money standards.

The Training of Teachers.

More Sunday Schools, larger schools, and better schools has been the constant ambition of our people. In the betterment of our schools, we need better equipment and management, better teachers and teaching. This will give us in the way of results a better fruitage, a large and rich harvest from this field of Christian activity.

Our Field Secretaries are stressing this phase of the work with great vigor and with gratifying success. The following table will show in a limited way something of what is being accomplished in the way of development of the work of training teachers:

The report shows that Mississippi uses more diplomas than any other State. The number being 594. Texas is next with 463.

The present list of Field Secretaries is given as follows:

B. W. Spilman, Kinston, N. C.; L. P. Leavell, Oxford, Miss.; Harvey Beauchamp, Dallas, Texas; E. E. Lee, Dallas, Texas; Arthur Flake, Baldwin, Miss.; P. E. Burroughs, Nashville, Tenn.; W. S. Wiley, Muskogee, Okla.—seven in all. Dr. Burroughs came to the Board from a successful pastorate of a great church in Fort Worth, much honored and beloved throughout the great em-

pire state. Surely no board ever had a set of men more effective or successful in doing the work to which they are giving their heart and life. We gladly pay them a tribute of honor for the mighty things they are doing for the kingdom of God. There are two elementary workers—Miss A. L. Williams, of Birmingham, and Miss Margaret E. R. A. of Nashville—who render help in such institutions and training schools as may wish and request their services; also during the year both the Corresponding and Editorial Secretaries have filled many engagements, rendering such help with the Field Secretaries as may be consistent with the duties of office. Others also have been called into help in such meetings as opportunities offered and have rendered valuable service.

Many other things were presented in the report which cannot be reproduced here for lack of space.

Foreign Mission Board.

Dr. R. J. Willingham, the Secretary, read the report of the Foreign Mission Board's report. The report says:

Our efforts are ahead of what they have ever been, and though we did not make the advance that the Convention was hoping for to make during the year, yet some advance has been made. We regret, however, that the burdensome debt which has hampered our work now for several years, past has greatly increased. There are important pressing calls for help in our various mission fields which ought to be heeded by our people at once.

Total receipts for the year, \$510,008.97. The indebtedness is \$89,614.13. The debt of last year, \$37,906.25. Unpaid loans this year, \$9,702.88. A note for the Bush fund, \$11,000. Mississippi gave \$37,575.59.

The contributions for the work during the past year have been larger than for any other year in our history. The table attached will show just what each state has given compared with what it gave last year. While some states have made an advance, others have fallen back. Surely the time has come when our people ought to average more than twenty-two cents a member per annum for this work. One reason the average is so small is that only about half of the churches give for this work, and of the half which do give, we think that we are within the bounds of reason when we estimate that not over one out of every five members give anything at all. In other words, in round numbers, not one out of ten of the Southern Baptists are giving for Foreign Missions. Nine-tenths are doing nothing at all. An earnest effort ought to be made in our State meetings and association meetings to devise some plan whereby every church will feel that it is called on to give, and then some plan by which every member will feel it is a duty and privilege.

We ask the careful study of the figures as given in our Treasurer's Report. Any one who will look at the figures will see that for all expenses it took twelve cents on

the dollar—for the expenses in the various states it took three and one-half cents for interest, two and one-half cents, for all expenses in Richmond, including expenses of the W. M. U. in Baltimore, and the Layman's Missionary Movement it took six cents. In other words, for all expenses in this country, including interest, it took twelve cents, and 88 cents out of the dollar went to Foreign Missionaries. We hope that our people generally will study these figures and let it be known just how much of it goes for all expenses and just how much out of the dollar goes to the foreign field.

During the past year ten thousand dollars has been added to the endowment of the Board, through a legacy left by Brother J. C. Bush, of Mobile, Ala. This consecrated servant of the Lord for years had been giving the salary of a missionary and also supplied the funds (ten thousand dollars) for putting up the Bush Theological Seminary in Hwanghien, China, as a memorial to his honored father and mother. He took pleasure in giving largely to the Lord while he lived and did not forget to make a liberal appropriation for the Lord's work after his death. Many of our people would do well to follow his noble example.

Woman's Work.

The report of the Foreign Mission Board presents the twenty-third annual report of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Our sisters continue earnestly to press forward in the work, organizing new societies, enlisting new members, giving out more information and getting large gifts for the Lord's work. We rejoice as we see them making advance, for we know that as our sisters become more interested, our men must become more interested, and the generation which is growing up will have a new idea of missions. We bespeak for the woman's work increased interest, and we ask a careful reading of the record of what has been done through the past year.

The contribution of our sisters for Foreign Missions for the past year is \$4,636.50 from Mississippi.

It would be well to go into an itemized report from the several fields. Every page of this is full of interest.

Dr. B. D. Gray, secretary of the Home Board, read some extracts from the report of the Board. The results of the labors have thrilled all hearts with gratitude. Thousands of the lost have been saved through the agency of our workers. Weak churches have been strengthened, new stations have been opened and in every way there has been a distinct advance in the work.

Possibly the most striking thought in connection with the work of the year is the growing tendency to permanency and thoroughness. The superficial has its brief day. But for permanent and abiding results, foundations must be laid deep and strong if the superstructure to be erected thereon is to stand the test of the winds and the waves. The call is louder than ever for constructive work. The plant must be watered, the field must be tended if re-

sults are to come at the time of the harvest.

The report states:

Finances.

We are happy again to report no debt at the close of the year. It gives us pleasure to also record a substantial, though not a large increase in our total receipts over those for last year. We had entertained hope that the relative increase in gifts for some years past would be maintained. In that case, our receipts above the previous year would have been more than fifty thousand dollars. If we had made this percentage of increase we would have reached our aim of four hundred thousand dollars for the year. Our receipts for the year just closed are \$333,534.43.

Some increase was made notwithstanding nearly half the States fell below their gifts for last year, making a total deficit for these states compared with gifts for last year of nearly twenty-five thousand dollars. Happily, the other States and some increase in the miscellaneous receipts more than made good this deficit and put our receipts beyond those of the previous year.

At the beginning of the year, in view of the advance ordered by the Convention, we made appropriations amounting to \$341,385.40, leaving a margin of approximately sixty thousand dollars for appropriations further on in the year either in the way of responses to applications at our first responses to applications in at our first meeting.

So much stress has been laid for several years past for regular, systematic monthly contributions that we had hoped from the beginning of the year that each month would record an increase in gifts over the corresponding month of the previous year, but in this we were grievously disappointed. In the early summer and on through the year from month to month receipts were steadily from \$3,000 to \$10,000 short of the same period of the year previous. This presented in the midst of the year a serious proposition. The Board, therefore, was forced to call a halt as to further enlargements. This state of suspense continued until within a few days of the close of the year, when we were \$10,000 short of receipts at the same time last year. A debt, therefore, anywhere from \$20,000 to \$30,000 seemed almost inevitable. This fear was aggravated by the fact that a number of our strongest churches had nominally adopted the regular system late in our conventional year and not only failed to make as large gifts as for the year before, but were virtually shut off from participating in a great, strenuous campaign. Fortunately, during the last few days of the campaign a great and royal support came from many quarters.

During the year there have been 3,860 baptisms—235 churches constituted, and 731 Sunday Schools organized. The several departments of the Board's work was admirably put forth in the report.

Woman's Work.

Twenty-third annual report of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Southern

Baptist Convention, to the Home Mission Board, May 1, 1910, to May 1, 1911:

The milestone of progress we pass May 1, 1911, is far in advance of where the Woman's Missionary Union stood a decade ago. To glance back only to 1902 we find that 2,414 societies then reported to the various state unions; this year the number totals 10,580. In 1902 there were no Young Women's Auxiliaries, nor boys' bands; now there are 1,266 girls' societies and about 300 Royal Ambassador Chapters. Then there were 531 Sunbeam Bands; this year we report 2,522. So the forces behind the work have grown steadily, with the development of the sense of responsibility in the women of every state.

The contributions of the Woman's Missionary Union to Home Missions, from May 1, 1910 to May 1, 1911 was \$83,850.15—Mississippi giving \$3,120.90.

Wednesday Evening Session.

Dr. Geo. W. Truett, of Texas, conducted the devotions. A mighty volume of song went up from the great congregation. The old songs were sung. Everybody enjoyed them.

Theological Seminary.

The subject for consideration this evening was the Southern Baptist convention. The exercises were in charge of Dr. E. Y. Mullens, President of the Seminary.

Dr. Mullen presented Dr. Henry Alford Porter, of Louisville, Ky., whom he introduced as "a Canadian by birth, an American by choice, a Southerner by adoption, a Baptist because he could not help it, and pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist church, in Louisville, by the grace of God."

Dr. Porter delivered an eloquent address in which he spoke of a musician who, while visiting Niagara Falls, likened the sound of the rapids to a chord. The doctor said that the same was the case with the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, which sounded an octave of notes as follows: The Biblical note, the spiritual note, the scholarship note, the practical note, the orthodox note, the freedom note, the missionary note and the evangelistic note.

He dwelt at length on each of these vital notes and discussed each eloquently.

Following the address of Dr. Porter, President Mullen showed that there were 281 students in the seminary at the present time and seventy-five or eighty of these were married men. He claimed that the wives of these men were the most self-sacrificing women in the world.

He stated that he had recently written to students to the effect that it would cost from \$165 to \$175 a year at the seminary, but recent investigations had surprised him and he found that a student could live with a wife and children at a very moderate cost.

A collection was taken for the students' fund at the Seminary, about \$800. Another collection was taken on Thursday morning when the amount of \$6,000.00 was raised, the amount asked for.

J. T. Schofield and wife rendered a beautiful duet, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

It was more than splendid. It thrilled every heart.

Dr. R. J. Willingham dismissed the congregation with prayer. This has been a great day in the history of the convention.

Thursday Morning Session.

After singing "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood," and two prayers, the convention was called to order by the president. Secretary Burrows made a very interesting statistical report. This report gives Mississippi a total membership of 146,516. Baptisms during the year, 7,963, 1,464 churches, 757 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 60,191. Value of church property, \$2,072,913. Progress has been made along all lines except in baptisms. We have fallen behind in this one particular.

The committee on the S. S. Board report was presented by Dr. T. P. Bell, of Ga. He told something of the history of the Board from its organization 20 years ago. It was born in a war but every year the prosperous condition justified the undertaking. It improves all the time.

Dr. W. L. Pickard, of Georgia, discussed the report. In his talk he called attention to the need of the churches of enlisting the adults and interesting them in the work of the Sunday School. "Get the men," he said. If you get the men the women will certainly be there. He explained some methods by which greater good could be accomplished.

The hour having arrived for the preaching of the Convention sermon, fifteen minutes were spent in devotions conducted by Dr. G. W. Truett, of Texas. The text was taken from Mat. 6:10. He said, in part, referring to the United States Senate:

"That once respectable organ of government" in condemning the seating of Lorimer and discussing other recent public events in language equally vigorous, Rev. C. S. Gardner, D. D., one of the professors in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, preached the annual sermon before the Southern Baptist Convention here today. Dr. Gardner declared that anti-Christian principle lies at the basis of economic and political enterprises.

In his introduction, Dr. Gardner declared the kingdom of God was an ideal system of all personal relationships, centering in the supreme personality of God, whose one enterprise is the building up of an ideal system of relations between men, perfected in and through their relation to God. "To perfect this organization, the principle of which is love, Jesus lived, taught and died," he said. "Wherever the relation of men are not right, the task of the kingdom is to set them right."

Political Ends Hurt Church.

Defending the right of religion to speak on the economic and political problems "which are shaking out social order down to its foundations," Dr. Gardner said that nevertheless the economic and political evils of our time were sweeping great masses out of the churches and alienating from organized religion the very elements of the population which flocked around Jesus. "What

the whole world needs," he said "is to wake up to the religious, the spiritual significance of economic and political activities."

"There are men who will do things as members of a corporation which they would not consent to do as individual men dealing with their fellows," continued Dr. Gardner. "They seem to think that institutional or corporate action is not subject to the law of Christ. According to this view corporations have no souls and are not included in the scope of the kingdom of God. Away with such abstract subtleties! A corporation has as many souls as there are individuals in the corporation. The extension of the dominion of the kingdom of God over these corporations is one of the great religious tasks of our time." He said that an institution or a corporation which was dominated by an evil ideal, or in was embodied an evil principle, was one of the greatest possible agencies for the spiritual ruin of men.

Property Declared Sacred.

"A thoughtful mind can hardly fail to bring into relation with one another certain incidents which have crowded themselves upon the public attention in recent weeks," he continued. "One is a judicial decision rendered by the Supreme Court of our greatest state in a case which, in its naked principle, involved the relative sacredness of property and human life and the court declared that the sacredness of property was fundamental in the political constitution of our country."

"Another is the action of the Senate of the United States, in which a majority of the Senators covered that once respectable organ of government with infamy and the nation with shame, by voting to receive into their official comradeship a man who owed his election to a greivousness and baseness of political corruption which all but prostrates decent men with moral nausea. And while the civilized world was standing aghast at this manifestation of the deadly virus at work in the veins of our political and economic organism, our hearts were almost frozen by the alleged revelation of a vast dynamiting conspiracy on the part of conspicuous labor leaders. Are not all these incidents vitally related? The only convincing evidence of the truth of such a conspiracy, yet forthcoming, is that it fits so logically into the situation; seems the natural and inevitable companion picture to the other two. The fundamental sacredness of property rights as against human life; the unblinking effort of corporations, by purchasing public servants to control the policy of the government in their own behalf; the desperate determination of maldened laborers to offset the anarchy of the bribe with the anarchy of the bomb—are they not all of a piece? And have these things no intimate relation to the religious problems of our time? It is sin organized into the most substantial parts of the social fabric, and God is calling us in this day to fight for the eradication of that sin."

Service Is God's Law.

Dr. Gardner saw no reason why the occu-

passions of the business man and the politician should not be converted from means of gain into forms of public service. "The kingdom of God is service," he asserted. He asserted that no man was the Lord's disciple who works for his own profit in the week and then pretends to live for God and his fellowmen on the sabbath. "No man has a right to wear His name and dedicate to religion the ill-gotten gains which really belong to others. No man is a Christian who reserves nine-tenths of his wealth for the pampering of his own body and the bodies of his children, and gives the other tenth to God. It is a sacrifice to denominate as Christian a society whose economic and political ideal is in antithesis to the law of the Kingdom."

In other terms, Dr. Gardner condemned the prevalence and public recognition of the existence of the "social evil" in the cities of the country. "The city is rightly called the center of our civilization," he said. "Now, usually you find somewhere near the center of this center a district consecrated to the heathen gods of vice. So also it is that area given over to the worship of Bacchus, Venus and Astarte that you rarely find a Christian man who dares to challenge their supremacy in the name of Jesus Christ. Respectable homes fly from this district, and the churches follow in the flight. Through its terrible vortex are whirled thousands and are sucked down to the lowest hell. But why is it there? It is there to accompany the city as inevitably as a man's shadow accompanies his body when he walks in the sunshine and its presence branches the entire life of the city and gives tone to its government. The existence of this phenomenon is an advertisement to the whole world either that our Christianity is unequal to the task of social redemption, or that its remedial power has never been thoroughly applied."

Signs Are Encouraging.

In spite of the evils of the times, Dr. Gardner found the whole situation toned with encouragement. "The earth seems filled with confusion, but confusion is the inevitable incident of transition, and there is no transition if there is to be a better world. As society develops in the providence of God we see that the old anti-Christian principle of social organization is showing its inadequacy under the fearful strains and stresses of modern life. And multitudes see that it is folly to rest the ever increasing weight of the social structure upon a foundation of materialistic self-seeking, and are anxiously looking about for a better organization. They will discover it when their eyes are open to see the meaning of the Kingdom of God."

At the conclusion of the sermon several announcements were made, and adjournment was taken until this afternoon at 2:45.

The Baptist Educators.

A short session of the Baptist Educators' Conference, with President R. G. Patrick in the chair, was held this morning. There was considerable snappy discussion,

and the conference adjourned to continue its work at 8 o'clock to-morrow. The meeting will be held in the Windsor Hotel auditorium, and is timed so as not to interfere with the attendance of its members upon the convention. All representatives of Baptist schools and colleges and education boards at the convention are invited.

The committee appointed to consider the Sunday School Lesson Text and Graded Lesson, reported through B. W. Spillman of N. C. We can give only a summary of the report.

1. The report recites the history of the work of the committee.

1. Organized at once at the Baltimore meeting.

2. A subcommittee of three spent the summer investigating the whole subject of Sunday school instruction.

3. The general committee met in September at Nashville, discussed the whole subject and reached two conclusions: (1) That the present uniform lessons were as satisfactory as any similar course could be and would probably be used by a majority of the schools; (2) that many schools were demanding and should have some kind of graded lessons.

4. A subcommittee of five was appointed to further investigate two questions: (1) Whether the International Graded Lessons could be modified to remove the objectionable features; (2) to outline a possible course of independent Baptist lessons.

5. This subcommittee met at Louisville in February, and after considering both of the questions submitted to it, outlined the following report, which was accepted through correspondence by all the members of the Committee of Nine, and is now submitted by the full committee.

II. The report says:

1. The ideal system of graded lessons for Baptist schools will be one based on connected Bible study, and our distinctive doctrines.

2. Any acceptable series of lessons must be based on a belief in the Bible as God's Word; in the deity of Jesus Christ; in the great facts of sin, divine redemption, and regenerating grace for young and old.

3. The protest of the last Convention was fully justified by the facts and was a duty to our constituency and the cause of truth.

4. The International Lesson Committee has since put itself upon record for a policy which fully meets the protests of ourselves and others in every point-raised.

5. That the lessons already issued in the International Graded Series have been revised in accordance with this announced policy, and these revisions meet the approval of your committee, and remove the objectionable features of a year ago.

6. Facing the practical aspects of the question of graded lessons, the committee does not regard these lessons as ideal, but in recognition of (1) our obligation to those who stand with us for biblical and evangelical religion; (2) the fact that the scheme is ready for immediate use; (3) that the scheme is well adapted to experimental

tion with such lessons, and may possibly lead to a fully rounded series of our own; (4) that many schools have already begun these lessons, the committee concludes.

"It seems best to us, therefore, in view of the further fact that the Convention resolution contemplated an independent set of lessons only in the event of our not securing satisfactory changes in the International Series, that we recommend to the Sunday School Board the issuance of these International Graded Lessons as they will shortly be officially put out in the modified form."

7. Expresses the belief that the uniform lessons will continue to be the best lessons for the greater number of schools, and urges that the graded lessons be introduced only by those prepared to use them to advantage.

8. Recommends the appointment annually by the Convention of a Lesson Committee of five members to serve with the Corresponding and Editorial Secretaries of the Sunday School Board, and the Southern Baptist representative on the International Lesson Committee, this Lesson Committee to deal with any similar questions which may arise regarding either the uniform or graded lessons.

The B. Y. P. U. interests were considered. T. J. Watts, of Kentucky, presented the third annual report of the B. Y. P. U. of the South, auxiliary to the Convention. The report sets forth the following facts:

There can never properly come a quitting time for the Baptist Young People's Union, nor any abatement of interest in its work, so long as there are so many untrained young people in Baptist churches. There will constantly be added to our churches new members from among the young people who shall stand in need of special training for the many forms of service for which they shall be needed, while practically all the forms of service for which the churches shall need workers will require for their successful performance an ever increasing degree of special knowledge and skill. We believe that the future of Baptist churches will be marked by strength or weakness in proportion to their faithfulness toward those who are today in their hands for training. The leaders of future days are today with us in the persons of our young people. These must be so marshaled and disciplined as that when they come to the duties and responsibilities of the future they may have their hearts and minds furnished and trained for their several tasks. The B. Y. P. U. is growing in popularity as an agency for accomplishing the training of the great and growing army of Southern Baptist young people. Truly may we say of the B. Y. P. U., "Wisdom is justified of her children." Even a very considerable number of our country churches are beginning to volunteer their testimony regarding the practical benefits which have been realized by them through the young people's society. We believe that it behooves the denomination to nurture this already "fruitful vine," and by every legitimate means to seek to extend its influence within the churches.

The report shows that Mississippi has 75 Unions with 3,000 members enrolled.

The Educational Committee suggests that throughout the South greater effort be made to develop more A 1 Unions.

This is possible in the case of any Union that is willing to strive to measure up to the requirements of the Standard of Excellence which has been put forth by the Sunday School Board and endorsed by the education committee of the Southern B. Y. P. U. The requirements of the standard are not too difficult of realization in the case of any Union in any church. Earnest and persistent effort to attain the standard will insure success.

The Convention re-elected the old officers of the B. Y. P. U.: W. W. Hamilton, Va., President; W. D. Morer, Okla., W. R. Owens, Ga., and R. H. Coleman, Texas, Vice Presidents; Thomas J. Watts, Ky., Secretary and Treasurer. Secretary L. P. Leavell made a very effective talk on the work east of the Mississippi.

Thursday Afternoon Session.

After the devotional exercises conducted by Dr. Geo. W. Truett, a resolution offered by Dr. F. M. McConnell, of Texas, which was of world-wide import and was received with much interest.

It provided for a committee of five members to formulate a plan for writing all Baptist missionary societies in a combined effort to bring the world to the feet of Jesus Christ as speedily as possible. This plan is to be presented to the World's Baptist Alliance that is to meet in Philadelphia in June. The idea is to get all Baptist mission societies to cooperate in a great advance movement against the strong holds of sin.

Dr. J. N. Prestridge, of Kentucky, in seconding the resolution which was adopted, in a forceful and masterful address said that seven years ago there was hardly a Baptist in Russia, but now there are 100,000 and that there are millions today in Russia who are turning away from the slavery of the state and the priests and were marching toward the glorious freedom that pervaded the ranks of the Baptist army.

The Laymen's work was taken up, and the meeting was under the control of Dr. J. T. Henderson, of Virginia, general secretary of the movement. The report of the Executive Committee was made by J. Harry Tyler, of Maryland, a business man of Baltimore. The report showed that a great work had been accomplished during the past year. According to the report the increase in membership was 5 per cent in the last three years, and the increase in contributions was far more marked. Striking results have followed the visits of laymen to different associations. In one association a prosperous layman, who was a planter was so stirred by the earnest plea of the missionary layman, that he increased his missionary offering from \$50 to \$500, leased his two plantations and entered the seminary to fit himself for the efficient service as a layman.

The secretary told of one church of ninety-two members, which, when canvassed by laymen, offered contributions from 113 persons,

every member and twenty-one others.

Interesting Addresses.

Addresses limited to five minutes were delivered by a number of laymen. Zach Clark, a banker of Moultrie, made a speech that was filled with enthusiasm and which captured the convention to such an extent that when his allotted time had elapsed, the congregation called for him to continue and as the next speaker on the program was not present, he was allotted his time. When that was up, the gathering again clamored for him to continue, but as there were other speakers to be heard, he could not do so.

Example of Liberality.

H. Z. Duke, of Dallas, Texas, recited his experience regarding contributions and when he had finished his pastor, Dr. George W. Truitt, arose and stated that Mr. Duke owned twenty stores. He began by giving one-tenth of his income to God, which sum he had increased until now he was giving his whole income outside of living expenses. The convention greeted this statement by rising and singing the doxology.

George J. Burnett, president of Tennessee college, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., spoke of the many associations recently developed by laymen.

W. E. Wilkins, secretary of the Laymen's Movement of South Carolina, and others spoke during the course of the evening.

Friday Morning Session.

The atmosphere was still dense and heavy. The crowd was immense at an early hour. Song, "Come Thy Fount" and "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." Prayers were offered by W. D. Nowlin, of Florida, and T. P. Bell, of Georgia offered fervent prayers for the guidance of the Holy Spirit during the day.

The papers in the different cities of Florida are striking at each other as the following squibs will show:

The Baptists now move on Jacksonville. It's an awful strain on true religion to spend a few days in Jacksonville.—Tampa Tribune. A few days, or nights, in Your City, would turn even a Baptist convention into a jamboree. These good folk will never meet in Tampa.

There were introduced into the Convention some resolutions looking to peace conditions introduced by J. R. McCall, of Ga. The convention unanimously endorsed President Taft for his efforts in behalf of universal peace.

In consideration of the different phases of the Foreign Mission work Dr. W. J. E. Cox of Ala., discussing Pagan Fields gave Tom Watson, of Ga., a considerable scoring. After describing his visit to mission fields in China and Japan said:

"I have something to say about Tom Watson, of Atlanta, for his attacks in his magazine on foreign missions."

"No, he is from Thompson, Ga.," interrupted a delegate, evidently an Atlantan.

"Well, from Thompson," said the speaker.

"This man, Watson," he continued, "in a recent issue of his magazine, made an unfounded attack on foreign missions. He stated that missionaries give the Chinese \$8

hats in order to make them become Christians.

"It's a lie."

"Watson also said that the missionaries gave the Chinese clothing and food in order to make them become Christians. That is also untrue."

Absolutely Without Clothes.

"In many places in China where I visited I saw Chinamen who were absolutely without clothes and did not have as much as a string to hang around their necks. It is not true that our missionaries gave them clothes in order that they might profess Christianity, but certainly they needed something to wear in order to attend Sunday School."

Dr. Cox said that he had met a man on a Pacific steamer who had told him he had no use for missions, but admitted he had not visited a single missionary or mission station in China.

Commercial Men At Fault.

He said there was another man with whom he had talked who had stated that if 90 per cent of the commercial travelers in China from foreign lands were drowned in the sea it would be far better for missions.

"The trouble is," thundered the speaker "the commercial men are usually immoral and they do not come into contact with missionaries unless to hear themselves rebuked for their immoralities. Consequently they hate the missionaries."

"That's right—give it to them," shouted a delegate as the speaker concluded.

Dr. Moncrief Talks.

Rev. Dr. A. J. Moncrief, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C., and known as the "Tom Dixon" of the convention, because of his power as an orator, also discussed foreign missions. "What we need," he said, "is to deal with this situation earnestly and raise sufficient funds for the needs of the work."

Dr. Moncrief called attention to the fact that the denomination faces a deficit of \$90,000 for foreign missions, and declared that the commercial spirit of the age was tending to keep Baptists from contributing, as they should for missions.

"Richard Edmonds, of the Manufacturers Record," continued the speaker, "who is an authority on industrial conditions in the South, estimates that the South's wealth is increasing at the rate of \$7,000,000 daily, and that the Baptist control 20 per cent of the wealth of the South."

"We have an advance of \$511,000,000 in wealth," said he, "but still we face a debt for foreign missions."

"Our trouble today is that we are too much given over to pleasure. I venture to say that if 10 per cent of the money spent in this community for automobiles were given for missions, the mission fund would multiply tenfold."

Several other interesting addresses were made on missionary topics and the tenor of all was that Christians should be more earnest in the service of God, less worldly and willing to give more liberally of their means for the support of foreign mission work.

The Educational conference met in the lobby

by of the Winsor Hotel at 8 o'clock this morning. A number of prominent college presidents and educational secretaries were present. Interesting talks were made by A. E. Brown, of N. C., J. M. Carroll, of Texas, and S. V. Jameson, of Ga., and others.

An important resolution, providing for a committee of five members to formulate a plan to come into contact with all Baptist Mission societies, in a combined effort to bring the world to the feet of Jesus as speedily as possible. This was offered by F. M. McConnell, of Texas. This plan, when formulated, is to be presented to the World's Baptist Alliance that is soon to meet in Philadelphia. The idea is to get all Baptist Mission societies to co-operate in a great advance movement against the stronghold of sin.

Dr. J. N. Prestidge, of Kentucky, seconded the resolution which was adopted, in a forceful address. He stated that seven years ago there was hardly a Baptist in Russia, but now there are 10,000. He said there are millions in Russia today who are turning away from the slavery of the state and the priest and marching toward the glorious freedom that pervades the ranks of the Baptists.

The Evening Metropolis, one of the city papers of Jacksonville, has this to say of the President of our State convention:

Hon. W. M. Whittington, of Greenwood, Miss., one of the vice presidents, who presided over the Convention last night, is a young man with a handsome face that reflects stalwart manhood in every feature. Mr. Whittington is a brilliant lawyer of large practice and very active as a layman in church work. Mississippians grow enthusiastic at the mention of "Will" Whittington's name. He is now president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is prominent in civic affairs and his multitudes of friends declare: "Whittington will be Governor of Mississippi just whenever he wants to be."

The committee on apportionment asked Mississippi to give the next conventional year for Home Missions \$31,000, for Foreign Missions \$38,000. All the states in the Convention are asked to give \$400,000 for Home Missions and \$600,000 for Foreign Missions, making an even million dollars. This is the sum asked for this year. It will give the church an opportunity to meet the indebtedness.

At the afternoon session Judge George Hillyer, of Ga., read a report of the committee offering to amend the constitution regarding the investment of securities entrusted to the various boards belonging to the Convention. This resolution met with considerable opposition, and the matter was finally referred to the various boards, or rather left as it has been heretofore.

Dr. T. B. Roy, Educational Secretary of the Foreign Board, presented an exhaustive paper in the denominational press in which he reviewed the work of the past year of the various periodicals printed in behalf of the Baptist cause. The question was opened for discussion in which several brethren took part. Dr. Z. T. Cody, of S. C., stated

that only one family out of five takes a Baptist paper, when it should be eagerly sought after and welcomed in every home. The committee on Time, Place and Preacher for the next Convention reported, recommending Oklahoma City, time Wednesday at 3 p. m., after the second Sunday in May. Dr. Z. T. Cody, of S. C., to preach the sermon, with Dr. A. U. Boone, of Memphis, alternate.

Dr. A. J. Vining, of Canada, was granted the privilege of the floor for a minute. He said that he brought messages of greetings from the Baptists of Bulgaria, Hungary and Russia. The following words of greeting from the Calvary Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y.:

"To the Southern Baptist Convention: "Grace to you and peace from God and Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, the Calvary Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., sends greetings and God speed in the work for the world's evangelization. Our pastor, the Rev. Dr. H. Allan Tupper, whose father for more than a generation was corresponding secretary of your foreign mission board and whose uncle, Dr. James P. Boyce, was for many years the president of your convention, is requested by us to present to your body as assurance of our sympathy in the Christly service to which you have put your hands and into which you have placed your hearts with the prayer that the Divine Head of the church may guide you in all of your deliberations for the coming of His kingdom."

The resolution offered by Judge George Hillyer, of Ga., asking that the Convention express its disapproval of the wave of crime said to be sweeping over the Southern states was vigorously pressed by Judge Hillyer. The resolution was heartily and unanimously adopted.

Dr. J. N. Prestidge, of Kentucky, introduced a resolution asking the home mission board to take up and consider the establishment of missions in Hayti under its direct control, which was the order.

The evening session was marked by a spirit of deep enthusiasm and much anxiety. Every member of the Convention seemed oppressed and tremendously anxious about the \$90,000 debt on the Foreign Board. One sees anxiety depicted on every countenance.

The session was a mass meeting of foreign missions and the first business of the evening was the appointment of an apportioning committee. After mature deliberation the committee reported and recommended that the regular annual sum of \$600,000 for foreign missions be raised, that the debt of \$90,000 be paid out of that sum and that no collection be taken last night.

Before any attempt was made to adopt the committee's recommendations, Dr. W. H. Smith, editorial secretary of the board of foreign missions, arose and told of conditions as they existed in China during a recent visit he had made to that country. Dr. T. B. Roy, educational secretary of the board told of conditions in Brazil and L. E. Barpon of West Point, Miss., spoke on the scriptural ground of foreign missions.

Rev. C. C. Carroll, formerly pastor of the

Ocala Baptist church, then rose and pleaded that the debt be wiped out at once and called for pledges. He was followed by Rev. J. L. Gross, of Houston, Texas, who made an impassioned plea for the cancellation of the debt.

The collection then became spontaneous and offerings were made from all parts of the floor until the pledges reached enormous proportions.

There were many examples of self-sacrifice. A young cripple became so enthused that he stated that he was going to sell the typewriter with which he earned his living in order to contribute to the cause. Another man had saved a sum of money with which he had intended to erect a monument to the memory of his wife, but he said that he seemed to hear her voice calling to him to use the money in such a way that the gospel might be preached to all portions of the world.

Another had made some money from an investment and intended to use the profits in the purchase of an automobile, but said that he now intended to sell his property and give the money to help cancel the debt.

Many similar scenes were enacted and contributions were made until the midnight hour, when the meeting was closed with prayer and songs of praise and thanksgiving. A spontaneous collection broke out and something over \$70,000 was taken. The giving was hilarious. Every body seemed to be happy and generous.

Saturday Morning Session.

A great excursion to St. Augustine has taken away many of the attendants on the Convention so that the crowd was not so pressing, though there was a sufficient number left to make a great audience. Everybody seemed happy and ready for hard work.

After the devotional exercises there was a little miscellaneous business considered. Every one was anxious to get to the main work which was the consideration of the Home Board work. Dr. B. D. Gray had charge of the exercises. Senator C. A. Carson, of Florida, one of the vice-presidents, presided. Dr. A. J. Holt, of Oklahoma, read an interesting report on the mission fields of the Board showing that the work is growing in influence and results. He said that the denomination had twenty-eight schools and one hundred and twenty-seven teachers.

Rev. M. E. Dodd, of Louisville, Ky., discussed "Missions and Mountain Schools." He spoke in a general way of the scope and needs of the schools and said they were becoming a great power for good.

He said that a mountain woman would rather be the mother of a brown-eyed babe than a poodle pup. He declared the people were strong characters and well worthy of the educational advantages it was desired to afford them.

Board is Present.

Dr. J. W. Gillon, of Nashville, State Superintendent of missions in Tennessee, praised the Board for the excellent management of the school work, which had kept them

out of debt. He urged sympathetic, proportionate giving to the cause.

J. Deane Crane, principal of a mountain school in South Carolina, made an impassioned address. He said he had once been employed in illicit distillery camps in the mountains, but had become converted and was anxious to do everything in his power to help the mountain folks with whom he had been accustomed to associate all his life.

Rev. Dr. F. C. McConnell, pastor of the First Baptist church at Waco, Texas, who was brought up in a mountain community also gave an interesting talk.

Rev. A. E. Brown is superintendent of the mountain mission work, and he also spoke briefly.

Rev. Dr. A. G. Truett, of Texas, conducted the usual devotional exercises.

Many of the delegates left last night and today to supply their home pulpits. Others are preaching in nearby cities.

Dr. T. B. Ray, of Virginia, Educational Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, read an exhaustive paper on the denominational press, in which he reviewed the work of the past year. He stated that in his opinion there were too many denominational papers and that where the constituency of papers did not warrant their publication, they should be discontinued. But the papers are doing a vast amount of good.

Thirty minutes were allowed two speakers to discuss the denominational press. The first speaker was Rev. B. J. W. Graham, editor of the Christian Index, of Atlanta, Ga. He said that he was called upon to tell how to enlarge the circulation of the denominational press, but that in the twelve years that he had been engaged in the publishing business he had made a comparative failure of it.

"If there is anything that I do not know how to do," said the speaker, "it is how to extend the weekly circulation of a Baptist newspaper." Mr. Graham stated that he had incorporated many schemes to increase the circulation by giving away premiums and working a fountain pen factory over time for three months, and even then he said he received a letter one day from a party requesting that he repair his fountain pen and found out that the man's subscription had expired ten months before and he had never renewed.

Dr. E. E. Folk, of Tennessee, presented a report on Denominational Education. The report in part said:

"There should be in every State at least one institution of standard collegiate grade and equipment, and under Baptist auspices open to women. This college should conform to the best American standards not merely in its catalogue, but in requirements for graduation, in equipment, in endowment, and above all, in the ability and scholarship of its faculty.

"We should decide what institutions offer today the best opportunities for the churches to reap rich educational harvests but these fields must be tended with great care. Liberality, or we may say the state cultivating the entire domain of education.

Our contribution should be a generous emulation in excellence, but success depends upon liberal support and the maintenance of high standards of scholarship."

The report as read was adopted by the Convention.

Need of More Female Colleges.

Rev. Dr. D. M. Ramsey, formerly pastor of the Grace Baptist church, but who recently accepted the position as president of the Baptist Female College, in Greenville, S. C., addressed the Convention on the need of more colleges for women, and among other things said that such institutions should be endowed as well as those for men.

Rev. D. R. T. Vann, president of the Meredith Female College, of Raleigh, N. C., made an interesting address on female colleges in the South. He emphasized, also the need of endowing colleges for women to carry on the work of education. The speaker stated that there were eighty-two for women in the South nineteen of which were under the Baptist control, while only four of the Baptist schools report anything of an endowment.

Rev. Dr. E. Y. Mullins, of Louisville, Ky., introduced a resolution calling for the proposed establishment of a school for the training of ministers on the continent of Europe which was adopted.

A communication from the General Conference of the Protestant Episcopal church held at Cincinnati, through a committee. The purpose of the communication from the committee was to arrange for a conference to consider the writing of religious people into one communion. A committee was appointed by the Convention, with President Edward C. Dargan as chairman to meet with the Conference. There was some amusement in the Convention over the expression "Southern Baptist church." When President Dargan said, "They don't know any better!"

The communication said in part:

"A printed copy of the report and resolutions is enclosed herewith, which we ask you to receive as a part of our communication to the great communion which you represent."

"The commission of the Protestant Episcopal church respectfully invites the co-operation of the Southern Baptist church, in promoting and arranging for such a conference. It is our earnest hope that the Convention of that church may appoint a commission, with power similar to our own, and that such a commission may be authorized to act conjointly with similar commissions."

"The proposed conference is primarily for the study and discussion, in the spirit of Christian charity, of these things in which we differ, without power to legislate for participating commissions, or to adopt resolutions."

"It is our belief, however, that such a conference under God's guidance, will set forward the unity of the Christian church for which we all pray."

"Hoping that the Southern Baptist Convention may be able to lend its influence

and co-operation we are, on behalf of the commission of the Protestant Episcopal church.

"Yours very sincerely,

"C. P. Anderson, President.

"Robert H. Gardiner, Secretary."

Dr. J. N. Prestidge, of Kentucky, presented a report of the committee on the Baptist World Alliance to be held in Philadelphia.

"Your committee reports all things in readiness for the coming second session of the Baptist World Alliance, Philadelphia, June 19th to 25th, 1911.

"The four thousand dollars pledged at the Baltimore session of this body for the fellowship fund has been more than raised and promptly forwarded. About one hundred of our brethren upon the continent of Europe have been invited to come to the Baptist World Alliance as the guests of American Baptists, and they have accepted our invitation with heartiness and they are now ready to begin their journeys, or are already on the way.

"The program for the session has been completed and published. The Philadelphia committee on preparation, reception and entertainment reports that its plans have proved adequate and are complete to date. Every corresponding secretary in the United States and Canada have in hand the quota of credentials due his state, and he is issuing them upon application. Satisfactory arrangements have been made for publishing in an adequate volume the proceedings, including all papers and addresses. There are upon this body no financial obligations. Your committee knows of only agreement, fraternal affection and enthusiasm throughout the world regarding the preparation, purposes and prospects of the coming meeting of the Baptist World Alliance.

"We beg leave to commend to your favor and affection our beloved, earnest and able Brother A. J. Vining, of London, Canada and we bespeak for him from you a favorable hearing for the great cause of our common brotherhood which he represents."

Dr. Vining Addresses Convention.

The Rev. A. J. Vining, D. D., of London, Ontario, who has been appointed by the continental committee of the Baptist World Alliance, as their commissioner in America and Canada, was introduced and addressed the meeting on the progress of the Baptists in Italy, France, Holland, Bohemia, and Russia; relating soul-stirring incidents, filled with human interest and pathos, in reference to the great struggles and self-sacrifice towards conversion of subjects to the Christian faith.

Dr. Vining, who is a forceful, affluent and a rapid speaker, swayed his audience at will as he impressed upon them the importance of establishing a trained and equipped ministry on the European continent. An appeal has been made to the Baptist World Alliance to meet the need, and it has been decided to set up, as a primary step, a great central European theological seminary. It

is intended to establish it on such a scale that it will be able to accommodate two hundred and fifty men and also have an adequate professional staff. The institution is to be owned in American and British trustees and controlled by an American and a British committee.

Religious Movement.

The speaker said that the progress at present in Russia and other countries in Europe has been the most remarkable religious movement in modern times and a movement which is destined if rightly guided to change the religious map of Europe. He stated that the Baptists are sowing good seeds in many lands and will ultimately reap a large harvest. He said that France, Holland and other countries, offered unlimited fields for the carrying on of the great work that is now in progress and that the people are awakening daily to this wonderful religious movement.

Rev. V. D. Powell, of Kentucky, read the reports of the vice-presidents of the home and foreign mission boards which were adopted, following which announcements were made and the session adjourned.

A large congregation assembled at the Temple for the evening service. The theme for the year was the further consideration of the Home Mission work. Vice-President J. DeWitt, of Georgia, presided. The singing was helpful and inspiring. The leader, Scholfield, sang "Higher Ground" and "Smile Today."

Rev. J. J. Shipman, of Mississippi, read the report of the committee on the church loan fund and addressed the Convention. He said the fund now amounted to \$69,591 and that it should be five hundred thousand dollars.

Rev. W. S. Wiley, of Oklahoma, told stories of that land and stated that he wished there were more Baptist ministers there as there were settlers in that state from all parts of the world.

Secretary of the Home Mission, J. F. Love was the next speaker. He spoke of what is known as the "New Mexican Situation," and after referring to the objection of the home board into New Mexico, where the northern Baptist Convention is at work, that no one had a right to dictate to any Baptist church as to what body they should affiliate with and a large number of Baptists left the northern Convention and joined the Southern body.

Opposed to Division.

Rev. E. Boyd also spoke on the New Mexican situation and said the Baptists of that territory fought for the same reasons that their forefathers fought in the American revolution and that he and his church had been their most in opposition to division.

Following the address of Mr. Boyd, a beautiful hymn, the words of which were written by Rev. Alex. W. Bealer, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., was rendered in a delightful manner by a talented quartette. The words of the hymn are as follows:

Dixieland.

Land of the South, the land of God.
With fatness-filled drops on thy sod.
The silver rain, the golden grain,
Uncounted wealth on hill and plain.

Land of the Sage! Home of the Seer!
My heritage to hold most dear;
Oh, Holy Land, thy soil is red!
With patriot blood by heroes shed.

Land of the pine! home of the black,
Whose feet the cotton furrows track,
His dying soul to us cries out,
The voice of God is in his shout.

Land of our God! The nation's crowd
Within thy gates; they've heard the loud
The ringing call of Liberty
That woe them out across the sea.

Land of my heart! To thee I give
My brain, my tongue, my all, I live,
Oh, native land, that I may see
The Son of God, enthroned in thee.

Cuban Speaker.

The next speaker was Rev. F. J. Peaz, of Cuba, and as he did not speak English, his words were interpreted in an able manner by Rev. C. D. Daniel, of Texas. Rev. Peaz said that though he was unable to speak a word of English it was glorious to be able to stand before such an assemblage. He stated that he brought salutations from his native isle and from the Cuban Baptist Convention. He also wished to express the sympathy and love of his people for American Christianity, and in conclusion, wished to say that he wanted the American people to pray for Cuba and assist in evangelizing the country.

Another Cuban minister, Rev. J. B. Silber, of Ybor City, spoke briefly and said that he would confine himself to bringing salutations from his home church and, as he was on the program to speak on Monday, all who wished to hear him talk must attend the session on that day.

Brilliant Address.

Rev. B. D. Gray closed the meeting with a most brilliant address in which he told about a speech that was delivered by Woodrow Wilson, the present governor of New Jersey, in Atlanta, two years ago. He delivered an eulogy on the distinguished statesman, during the course of which, a voice from the congregation suggested that the Convention nominate him for president of the United States.

Dr. Gray also spoke of the growth of the Baptist church in this city and stated that before the great conflagration of 1901, there were only one hundred and seventy-five members of the First Baptist church and that the church now owned over one hundred and twenty thousand dollars' worth of property. He closed with an earnest plea that members be more self-sacrificing and give bountifully of their time and goods to the cause of God.

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College Tidings.

Hail to Dr. John William Provine, the newly elected President of Mississippi College! He is every inch a man. Between him and me there exists the most cordial and confidential friendship. He is a business man, a scholar, a gentleman and a Christian. Moreover, he is a hustler, "from the word go." There are some features of the work that he will manage much better than I have done. The better he does it the better will I be pleased. Have you been faithful toward me? Be more so toward him. Have you been from any standpoint, negative toward me? Whirl, brother, and be positive toward him! Let everybody help the new President.

And then if you have any brotherly kindness left, you may bestow a little of it also on the new president of Blue Mountain. He, too, is still human.

We are closing out the session of Mississippi College with an enrollment of 395 students, 49 graduates! "How is that for high?" Let's rise above the four hundred mark next session. Will YOU help?

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM.

May 26 8 p. m.—Extemporaneous Debate.

May 27, 11 a. m.—Preparatory Oratorical Contest.

May 27, 4 p. m.—Freshman Oratorical Contest.

May 27, 8 p. m.—Hillman Concert.

May 28, 11 a. m.—A. M. Coin, Sermon, Mississippi College. Rev. Jno. F. Purser, D. D., Atlanta, Ga.

May 28, 8 p. m.—Com. Sermon, Hillman College, Rev. J. G. Chastain, D. D., Mexico.

May 29, 9 a. m.—Meeting of Board of Trustees.

May 29, 11 a. m.—Senior Oratorical Contest.

May 29, 4 p. m.—Sophomore Oratorical Contest.

May 28 8 p. m.—Junior Oratorical Contest.

May 30, 11 a. m.—Graduating Exercises.

May 30, 11:45 a. m.—Annual Address—Rev. George B. Eager, D. D., Louisville, Ky.

"I ought not to pronounce judgment on a fellow-creature until I know all that enters into his life; until I can measure all the forces of temptation and resistance; until I can give full weight to all the facts in the case. In other words I am never in a position to judge another."—Hamilton W. Mabie.

We ought daily or weekly to dedicate a little time to the reckoning up of the virtues of our belongings—wife, children, friends—and contemplating them then in a beautiful collection. And we should do so now, that we may not pardon and love in vain and too late, after the beloved one has been taken away from us to a better world.

—Jean Paul Richter.



John William Provine, Ph. D.

This being Commencement week of Mississippi College, seems to be the accepted time to give to our readers a sketch of our efficient president who was unanimously elected on May 9th by the Board of Trustees of this great College to succeed Dr. W. T. Lowrey, as President.

The subject of this sketch was born in Calhoun County, Miss., on the 19th day of June in the year 1866. We are indebted to Dr. Lowrey for the following data, and heartily endorse all that he has written:

"His father, Col. R. N. Provine, was one of the bravest and truest of gallant Confederate soldiers. Col. Provine is now one of the most prosperous farmers in the South and the sturdy subject of this sketch enjoyed the unspeakable advantage of being reared on the farm by a father who believed in industry, system and honor from the depth of his soul with the best blood in his veins, excellent native ability and the best home training, how could he fail to develop into a man worthy of the name. He did not fail.

"He secured his early education in the neighborhood schools near his home, and then entered the State University at Oxford.

"After completing his regular course there he was appointed Fellow in the Department of Chemistry, where he worked two years, and completed his Master's degree. Later, with chemistry as his major, he spent two years in one of the great German Uni-

versities, where he secured the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Upon his return to America, he was elected Professor of Natural Sciences in Mississippi College. So vigorous, progressive and efficient did this young professor prove himself to be, that upon the resignation of President Venerable, one year later, he was elected Chairman of the Faculty until a president could be secured. In two years he so thoroughly won his way to the front that he was made President of the College. After one year of services as President, Dr. Provine saw that the financial and executive work of his office was forcing him to sacrifice his specialty as a chemist, so he resigned the Presidency, in order that he might devote his time more thoroughly to his work at the head of the Science Department of the College.

"At the end of his first year's connection with Mississippi College, he had the great good fortune to lead Miss Mary Sproles, of Jackson, Miss., to the marriage altar. This cultured and womanly daughter of the late Dr. H. F. Sproles, has been a true help-meet to her progressive and prominent husband.

"As President of Mississippi College, Dr. Provine attained enviable success. In addition to excellent service in other lines, he handled the finances of the institution admirably and made very desired improvements in the buildings and campus.

"For these thirteen years since his resignation as President, he has been vigorously

pushing his work as the head of our Science Department.

"Wherever Mississippi College graduates go they are proud to tell that they took their chemistry under Dr. Provine, and they find everywhere that he is recognized as one of the leading teachers of Chemistry in the South. Dr. Provine loves the soil and also knows how to handle it. I doubt if there is a finer farmer in Hinds County than Dr. Provine. This feature of his life is an example and a blessing to the boys.

"As a citizen, Dr. Provine is noteworthy. As a Christian, he is one of the leaders of the community. He is energetic in Christian work, exemplary in conduct and humble in prayer."

With such a man as the President of this great institution, we may expect much good to be instilled into the character of Mississippi's sons.

Truly, merit wins.

New Albany.

Dear Brother Bailey:

I write you concerning the article by Bro. G. W. Riley in The Record of May 11th. It is stated at the head of the article that it was "published by a unanimous vote of the Convention on motion by Rev. E. L. Wesson." You know that I never criticize through the press, but there is a mistake in this statement which, I think, should be corrected. The motion was that the first three sections of the article be published, but not the fourth section. We had considerable talk about it, and it was agreed to by Brother Riley. As I understood him, he stated that if it was the wish of his brethren, he would publish the first three sections omitting the fourth. He modified the fourth section some and I suppose thought the modification would make that section meet the approval of the brethren. I am sure that he meant no wrong, but the statement that it was "published by a unanimous vote of the Convention," is not correct, as to the last section. I am sorry this mistake was made, for it makes it appear that men endorsed that which they did not endorse; also sets those brethren who affiliate with the International Sunday School Convention movement before the people as condemning by vote in Convention that which they practice. As the mover of that resolution, I ask that you please publish this statement to correct the error mentioned above.

I am sure it was only an oversight in Bro. Riley, but I believe that justice to the facts demands this statement.

Sincerely,

E. L. Wesson.

New Albany, Miss.

To be rich in everything that is worth while, not only in the mental and spiritual worlds, but also in the physical world, is the ideal we all have in view. And it is the power of real goodness that can make this ideal come true.—Selected.

WOMAN'S WORK.

By G. W. RILEY, Editor, Jackson, Mississippi

(Direct all communications for this department to Mrs. G. W. Riley).

Woman's Central Committee:

Mrs. J. A. HACKETT, Meridian, President of Central Committee.
Mrs. W. R. WOODS, Meridian, Secretary of Central Committee.
Mrs. W. S. SMITH, Meridian, President of Sunbeam work.
Mrs. MARTIN HALL, Winona, Pres. Young Woman's Missionary Union.

Officers of Annual Meeting:

Mrs. W. A. McCOMB, Clinton, President.
Mrs. J. A. AVERY, Clinton, Vice-President.
Mrs. G. W. RILEY, Jackson, Recording Secretary.

"Stir In Flame."

Stir me, oh! stir me, Lord, I care
not how,
But stir my heart in passion for
the world;
Stir me to give to go—but most
I pray;
Stir all the blood-red banner be
unfurled
O'er the lands that still in heathen
darkness lie
O'er deserts where no cross is
erected high.

Stir me, oh! stir me, Lord, till all
my heart
Is kindled with strong compassion
for these souls;
Till thy compelling "must"
drives me to pray,
Till thy constraining love reach
to the pole,
Far north and south in burning
deep desire,
Till east and west are caught in
thy love's great fire.

Stir me, oh! stir me, Lord, till
my heart is kindled
Till prayer is joy—till prayer
turns into praise!
Stir me till heart and will and
mind—yea, all
Is wholly thine to use through all
the days.
Stir all I learn to pray "exceed-
ingly."
Stir all I learn to wait expect-
antly.

Stir me, oh! stir me, Lord; thy
heart was stirred
By thy intensest fire, till thou
didst give
Thine only Son, thy best beloved
E'er to the dreadful cross that I
might live
Stir me to give myself so back to
Thee—
Thou canst give thyself again
through me.

—Exchange.

Missionary Calendar.

May 28, Sunday—
Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Morgan,
Clinton, Tenn. 11:15.
May 29, Monday—
Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Newton,

China.—I Sam. 2:9.

May 30, Tuesday—

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Glass, Chi-
na.—Ps. 91:11.

May 31, Wednesday—

Dr. and Mrs. T. O. Hearn, Pin-
gtu, China.—Ex. 15:2.

June 1, Thursday—

That God may give "great
love" for dying souls.—I John,
3:23.

June 2, Friday—

Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Whitting-
hill, Italy.—Isa. 55:11.

June 3, Saturday—

Miss Lottie Price, China.

Miss Margaret Lackey, Clinton,
will report the W. M. U. proceed-
ings at Jacksonville and our read-
ers can be sure of a treat from
the pen of this gifted woman.

Many will read with interest
and profit these words from Miss
Fannie E. S. Heck:

The days between the close of
the year's reports, April 30th, and
the Annual Session, are excellent
for good, powerful thinking. Why
does not my society appeal to all
the women of my church? Shall
we drive the women who do not
attend still further away, by
scolding, or seek ways to attract
them? Ways! What ways?
Why is it that I will give weeks
of study to my paper for a litera-
ry club and begrudge an hour
given to patching up one for the
Missionary Society? Now, just
between ourselves, when did we
really and truly have a lively,
new, up-to-date, stirring, inform-
ing missionary meeting? And
why is there money to buy all
kinds of books except missionary
books? Why? Mrs. Occasional
is ready to answer:

"Mrs. Always there and Mrs.
Never fail do all the talking and
lead in all the prayers," she says.
"Indeed! Did they never ask
you to speak or pray?"

"Certainly, but then you know
I never do—"

So the murder—the society
murder—is out and Mrs. Never-
fail and Mrs. Always there are
equitted.

"Then about this dreadful
scramble and pressure and these
scare-head collections at the end
of the year. One gets so tired
of them," Mrs. Occasional goes
on. "There is certainly some-
thing wrong somewhere."

"Your Society, I suppose has
reported each quarter?"

"Well, no, I don't think it did.
There was something left over
that did not get in in time last
year, so we sent that the first
quarter. Then, we reported the
last quarter. We always do
that. You don't mean to say
that we were to blame for all this
bother at the last of the year?"

"Then, there's another thing I
don't like. Why do we have the
Christmas offering and the Week
for Home Missions so close togeth-
er? There's always something
—in the summer, of course, no-
body does anything and in the fall
you have nothing but State Mis-
sions. Well, perhaps, there isn't
any better time, but—"

So Mrs. Occasional goes on.
She does not add much to the
progress of things, but she has
vast potentialities. She is one
of the problems of Mrs. Neverfail
and Mrs. Always there. Dear
souls, what the kingdom of God
owes them. If we could wish
them any one thing more than
another, it would be time to sit
down and think it all out from
beginning to end; planning to
reach, and hold and enlist and re-
fresh and re-enthuse. But how
can they? Now we have it.
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Women's Missionary Union Meet-
ing at Jacksonville. The very
air is full of the very things they
are longing to think out.

To My Dear Y. W. A. and other
Miss. Friends:

Just five short months ago to-
night I reached my Chinese home.
They have indeed been happy and
busy months. Happy because I
am where He would have me; busy
getting the language so as to
be able to do the thing that He
has called me here to do.

Yes, there are heartaches and
trials, too. While we are happy
to be counted worthy to do this
service for our Savior, there are
many things that test and try us.
How our hearts do ache for the
multitudes who know nothing of
our Savior. Our hearts ache too,
for the Christians who have just
come from the depths of heathen-
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much anxiety. Hundreds have
died in our own city. But as the
clouds have grown darker and
darker, His face has shown so
much brighter and brighter. In-
deed, He is with us; He is indeed
a heart-cleansing and prayer-an-
swering God.

I have just received a letter
from one of our co-workers in
our nearer mission station, thirty
miles from us, telling of their
wonderful revival. I believe you
will enjoy it, as it tells of the
wonderful things God is doing
for us. I take the liberty to
give you a part of the letter:

"The meetings were held es-
pecially for the Christians, pray-
ing for the power of the Holy
Spirit in our lives. I cannot tell
what the Lord did for us. It
was more than can be told. Our
Master had a hard struggle with
Satan, and, thank God, He won
in the hearts of many people here.
The Chinese here had never seen
God's power manifest before,
and I had never seen it as I had
since that meeting. Oh! how our
sins did loom up before us! We
had to confess them and get them
out of the way. I never saw
such a spirit of prayer as came
over the people. Eating, sleep-
ing, everything seemed to pass
out of the minds. Nothing seem-
ed important but prayer. It
was very cold, and the church
was not heated, but they seemed
to forget it. One morning I was
up long before day, went out to
my study which is close to the
Woman's Quarters and I heard
voices in every part of the build-
ing. In corners of the yard, in
class rooms, in their own bed
rooms, women were crying and
pleading with God. Some were
confessing their own sins and
praying for forgiveness and some
were praying for other, and for
for others. People would come
to us in the still hours of the
night and beg us to get up and
pray for them. I never had such
feelings. I felt as though the
"Judgment Day" was at hand
and really it was. Of course,
small, compared to the Great and
Final One, but I believe we had
something of the same feeling as
we will have then.

"After the meeting closed here

our people, both native and for-
eign, went out into the country
to the country churches and have
been holding meetings ever since.
Every place they have been God
has wonderfully poured out His
blessings upon the people. The
Christians say that they have just
begun to live. Not only has He
cleansed His people, but He has
saved two hundred and seventy-
six souls since the meetings be-
gun. The meetings are still go-
ing on. Do not know when they
will close. Revivals are break-
ing out and souls are being saved
even where the evangelists
have not been. We are praying
that the revivals shall continue
until our whole mission, even all
China, shall have been taken for
Christ. Please join us in this
prayer."

These meeting were just before
the terrible plague begun to come
over our province. Of course
they have been hindered some-
times during this dreaded time, but
now that it is getting warmer
and as the plague is a cold weath-
er disease, we hope everything
will soon be in full working order
again. Won't you dear Missis-
sippi friends pray earnestly that
the Lord may continue to pour
out His blessings upon us; that
many souls may be saved this
year? And may He richly bless
you and may many souls be saved
in our own dear state, is the ear-
nest prayer of

Your sister in Christ,
Pearl Caldwell.

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The City on the St. Johns

A Picture of Jacksonville to Which the Hosts of the Lord are Turning.

Alex. W. Bealer.

It is early in the morning. The color of gold is in the sunshine. I cannot see it where it falls on the wall of a neighboring building. The light has been delightfully cool, but sweet has been my sleep under the soft blanket that wraps me in a warm embrace. It is not the time for sleep. I dress and go down stairs. The atmosphere is like to that which our first parents breathed when all the earth was radiant in the morning hours of time. All about me tall trees like those of the tropics are waving in the breeze.

But there are others not seen in the north. The palm trees with their feathery foliage, suggestive of the tropics. Hundreds of them are in sight from where I sit. On the swaying, fan-like branches of one close by, I see a mockingbird.

He has a noiseless wing, he balances himself on nimble feet, and with the newly risen sun, pours out a greeting to the King of Day, as he marches up the eastern steeps.

At first, me, filling my lungs getting into my blood, and quickening every throb of my heart, making me thank God for the privilege of living and breathing, is this subtle combination, a mingling of the ocean's ozone, the magnolia's fragrance, the bay tree's perfume and the aromatic odor that comes from the needles of the pine.

At this is Jacksonville, of which I have heard so much, but not all of it.

When the Land and Water Meet.

A walk of 5 minutes brings me to a busy scene. On every side of tall sky scrapers reach upward toward the clouds. The clanging of trolley car gongs, the honking of automobile horns, and the voices of men shouting to their teams make such a bedlam of sound that it is necessary for a man to keep his faculties alert to escape a fall beneath the eager, trafficking feet of Commerce as it rushes along the crowded thoroughfares.

Far yonder to the right I hear a horse whistle, followed by the rattling of a brazen gong, and the sound of escaping steam. A great steamship is turning her face to-

wards the land of snow and ice, bearing in her hold the treasures of the wonderful clime, the golden fruit plucked from off the dark green citrus trees.

There to the left is another ship. I can hear a strange language running round among the seamen, swarthy looking fellows with dark hair and glittering eyes of black. Under the insistent urging of a determined leader they have aroused themselves. Their Latin laziness or love of leisure, whichever you may please to call it, has been thrown aside, and with guttural shouts and straining muscles they are bringing to the shore the coconut, the banana, and other fruits of South American lands on which the sunshine of the tropics falls.

I hear the creaking windlass, the rolling trucks, the songs of negro laborers, the hum of conversation and the pattering of feet, as hundreds of men and women hasten about the wharf. Above and beyond all these sounds, from the sunlit waters of the wide river, I can hear the puffing of motor boats, the snorting of tugs, and the straining of steamers, as they hasten from one wharf to another. Over there where stand the pine and palmettoes, I can hear the rattling of a locomotive as it speeds away bearing Florida fruits to northern climes, carrying with them the delicate fragrance of the orange blossoms.

And this is Jacksonville, but it is not all of it.

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I reach for the bill-of-fare. I pause at the very outset and jot down grapefruit. I might have taken strawberries, but they can be had in the up-country. I am now in Florida, and when I am in Rome I always seek to eat the things the Romans eat. I jump over the steaks and chops and the



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ing my name. It is the voice of Dr. W. A. Hobson, pastor of the Jacksonville First Church. His hobby runs to automobiles. Every pastor must have something to keep him from burning up with anxiety, or from being consumed with desire. Some preachers get the chicken habit (raising and not consuming) and some take to horses, some to dogs and guns—and some to fishing, but Hobson goes in for automobiling, and it is a good diversion, if we are to judge from the great success that attends his efforts. But that is not, strictly speaking, a part of this story. He was going out for a spin and wanted me to accompany him. Of course, I consented.

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And this is Jacksonville.

The Convention is Needed Now.

And yet, as I looked, I thought of the wickedness of the city. In this rushing center of traffic there were men who for the lure of gold had been led away from the God who had made this beautiful climate, and who gave them the ability to make this wonderful new city of the New South, a city that Phoenix-like has within a few years risen from the ashes of the great conflagration. I thought of the struggles of the Baptists to drive out this wickedness, of what had been accomplished by the fearless Hobson and his fellow pastors, backed up by many in other folds. I thought of what an impetus would be given to the work of the Lord by the meeting of the Convention, and I thanked God for the privilege of helping

in this great movement. I prayed that our brethren might come to us in the Master's spirit and that each one could be saying in his heart,

Land of the South, the land of God

With fatness filled drops on thy sod—

The silver rain, the golden grain, Unequaled wealth on hill and on plain.

Land of the sage, home of the seer!

My heritage to hold most dear—

Oh, Holy Land, thy soil is red

With patriot blood by heroes shed.

Land of the pine, home of the black,

Whose feet the cotton furrows track,

His dying soul to us cries out

The voice of God is in his shout.

Land of our God! The nations crowd

Within thy gates they've heard the loud

The ringing call of liberty

That wooed them out across the sea.

Land of my heart, to thee I give My brain, my tongue, my all I live

Oh, native land, that I may see The Son of God enthroned in thee.

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Friday, May 26th, 8 p. m.—Education Recital.

Saturday, May 27th, 3 to 5 p. m. and 9 to 10 p. m.—Art Reception.

Saturday, May 27th, 8 p. m.—Address before the Ruskin and Lanier Literary Societies.

Sunday, May 28, 11 a. m.—commencement sermon, by Dr. J. L. White, Memphis.

Monday, May 29, 10:30 a. m.—Preparatory Commencement. Address by Dr. A. P. Bagby, Kentucky.

Monday, May 29th, 4 to 5 p. m.—Class Day Exercises.

Monday, May 29th, 8:30 p. m.—Annual Banquet to Mary Sharp Alumnae and Tennessee College Alumnae.

Monday, May 29th, 7:30 p. m.—Second Students' Concert.

Tuesday, May 30th, 10:30 a. m.—College Commencement, address by Gov. Ben W. Hooper.

Tuesday, May 30th, 2:30 p. m.—Annual Meeting of Mary Sharp Alumnae.

Tuesday, May 30, 3 p. m.—Annual Meeting Tennessee College Alumnae.

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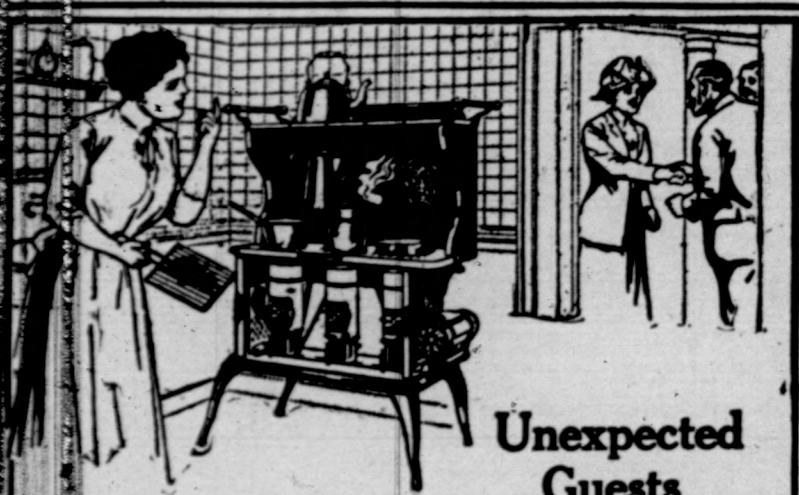
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New England is just now alive to an exhibition of missionary work in home and foreign fields. It is called "The World in Boston," and the world is to stay there so to speak, from April 22 to May 20. It is missions in the concrete; an ambitious attempt to portray in buildings, people, picture and personal explanation the efforts everybody everywhere is making to spread Christianity, to show to the supporters of missions at home conditions under which the work is done and some of the successes achieved. The Boston exhibition is of interest in other cities, since a company has been formed that will own the outfit, and later co-operate with Christian people in presenting it elsewhere. There will be "The World in Chicago," the "World in Cincinnati," the "World in St. Louis."

The scale of the Boston exhibition exceeds even that of London. No fewer than ten thousand persons, trained and costumed to serve in the booths, and to be able intelligently to answer the questions of visitors concerning their countries and Christian work in them. This vast number is needed since all are to be volunteers, and they remain only a few hours each day.

The choir is to be stupendous in size. Its number is two thousand and four hundred, of whom alone one thousand and two hundred will be soprano. Some members of the choir will serve also in the pageant. The pageant is a musical drama and is to be given every afternoon in a hall seating six thousand. The characters are to act and there will be five episodes. The first will depict the American Indian, with a chief's lost daughter; the second, in Africa, Livingstone ministers to a wounded Arab slave raider; the third, the Christian queen of the Sandwich Islands defiles and overthrows an evil goddess at the mouth of a volcano's crater, in the fourth there is a funeral pyre for a child wife of India, and in the final one a grouping of all formed in the shape of a star.

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The Hen and the Fox.

A fox, having crept into an outhouse, looked up and down for something to eat, and at last he spied a hen sitting upon a perch so high that he could by no means come at her. He therefore had recourse to an old strategem—"Dear cousin," said he to her, "how do you do?" I heard that you were ill and kept at home; I could not rest, therefore till I had come to see you. Pray, let me feel your pulse. Indeed, you do not look well at all." He was running on in this impudent manner when the hen answered him from the roost: "Truly, dear Reynard, you are in the right—I was seldom in more danger than I am now. Pray excuse my coming down. I am sure I should catch my death." The fox, finding himself foiled made

off and tried his luck elsewhere.—Aesop.

America has probably the purest family life in the world, and yet largely leads in the number of divorces. This is to a considerable extent because our married life, compared with that of other countries, is pure. People in America do not commonly live the married life and violate their marriage vows. If they violate their vows, they are usually divorced by the innocent husband or wife; or if both are evil, both seek divorce. In Europe this is very commonly not the case. In almost all European countries people can maintain the marital relation, at least outwardly, and yet live in open violation of the marriage vows. It is little wonder that they have fewer divorces than we. American marriages will not be made holy merely by an anti-divorce crusade, or anti-divorce laws. Divorce is but the outward sign of an inward evil. What is to be fought is the inward evil, and the cure for wrong marital life is true spiritual marriage. The cure for the divorce evil, as for every social evil, is a right spiritual social life.

—Moralistic Review.

In the rite of baptism there are two movements which may be described as immersion and emergence. Immersion is the symbol of resurrection and life of that work of the spirit there is no symbol so perfect as that of water baptism. The individual placed within its embrace is absolutely in the place of death. The same person emerges therefrom comes actually into the region of life.—G. Campbell Morgan.

What have these men accomplished with their scientific method in respect to the Bible? They ran full haste to the pulpit, climbed into it and, panting for breath told the gaping terrorized crowd that it was impossible for Moses to have written the Pentateuch because at the date assigned to the Mosaic authorship, writing was not known. And then some thoughtless archaeologist dug up the whole town in that far eastern land filled with books and bearing indisputable witness that writing had existed some hundreds of years before Moses was born. Then again these preachers with the scientific method came rushing out of breath to say that the 14th chapter of Genesis was absolute untruth; that no such kings as

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recorded there ever existed. And then that same ridiculous archaeologist dug his persistent spade into the ground and turned over some stones bearing the very names of those kings and carrying the dust of the very age in which scripture affirmed they had lived.

—I. M. Haldeman.

Notice.

Attention is called to the terms of membership in the General Convention of the Baptists of North America, whose meeting will be held in Philadelphia on Monday forenoon, June the 19th. Churches are requested to appoint messengers and to send as many MEN as possible to participate in the session devoted to the Baptist Layman's Missionary Movement.

Each church may appoint one representative and an additional representative for every one hundred members or fraction thereof above the first one hundred. Each local or district association may appoint two representatives and one additional representative for every ten churches or fraction thereof above the first ten. Each territorial provincial or State convention (or general association) may appoint ten representatives and one additional representative for every ten thousand members above the first fifty thousand.

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Eastabutchie.

The meeting ran here for ten days, closing out last Friday night. Rev. Bryan Simmons did the preaching. He was known in person here to none of our people aside from the pastor and the pastor's family. Of course, as he invariably does in cultured communities, he soon captured the town and drew fine congregations at each of his three services a day. A week previous a great revival meeting led by the Methodists and greatly enjoyed by the entire town, had closed and some thought that the town could hardly be brought to the high water mark in religion again so soon. But at the close of the meeting, all felt that a great spiritual uplift had come to this entire community through this meeting, and Brother Simmons at the very top in the esteem of the membership of this church.

At the close of the last service, there was a surprise sprung on the pastor and his wife, and in just a few minutes in spite of their protests, arrangements were made to bear their expenses to Jacksonville to the Southern Baptist Convention, and they were ordered to go.

Miss Lona Miley, daughter of T. J. Miley, of Newton, was with us and did fine service both as a singer in the choir and in her solos.

A purse of near a hundred dollars was raised for the assisting minister.

Fourteen were added to the church and the Christians greatly comforted and strengthened.

T. J. Moore.

Eastabutchie, Miss.

Why Young Wives and Husbands Often Antagonize Each Other.

Margaret E. Sangster says, in the course of an interesting article in the June Woman's Home Companion:

"Two households may stand side by side on the same street, two families live within hailing

distance with one another for years in the same community, and yet have opposite tastes, sentiments and convictions. The children of each growing up together may marry and, until they reach the period of new adjustment never suspect how antagonistic has been their early training. This is one reason why the first year of marriage is so beset with briers and thorns. Everybody knows that until people actually dwell under the same roof they do not mutually become acquainted. A single week spent with a friend at a house-party does more to promote intimacy or indifference than years of superficial social intercourse. The touch-and-go meetings incidental to teas and receptions are the merest suggestions of personality, but when one sits day after day beside the fire or at the table with a neighbor, each ceasing to be on guard, real understanding begins. Even correspondence, which, to a degree, is in the nature of revelation, does not make people so well acquainted and is by no means so true a test of disposition and temperament as the test is of living together. During courtship and betrothal, the engaged pair are on probation. Without effort, each displays qualities of charm that cannot fail to be attractive. The most ordinary speech has a flavor of compliment. The future husband and wife are walking through a land of dreams. Shall

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